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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987), ATLANTA (44-2386), SAN DIEGO (44-387), BIRMINGHAM (44-1740), SPRINGFIELD (44-56[illegible]), LAS VEGAS, LOUISVILLE, NEW ORLEANS (157-10653), JACKSON

FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574) (12P)

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RE [redacted].

AN AGGRESSIVE, PENETRATING, LENGTHY INTERVIEW WAS CONDUCTED THIS DATE WITH ALLAN O. THOMPSON, MANAGER, ST. FRANCIS HOTEL. THOMPSON ADVISED HE KNOWS THE INDIVIDUAL, WHOM HE PREVIOUSLY REFUSED TO IDENTIFY, BY THE NAME OF [redacted]. HE ADVISED HE WAS APPROACHED BY THIS INDIVIDUAL AT THE RABBIT'S FOOT BAR A FEW DAYS AGO BUT COULD NOT RECALL SPECIFIC DATE. HE SAID THIS INDIVIDUAL SAID, "YOUR MR. THOMPSON, AREN'T YOU?" AND THEN PROCEEDED TO ASK IF THOMPSON WAS INTERESTED IN SPLITTING THE REWARD MONEY OFFERED IN THE DR. MARTIN KING, JR. MURDER. THOMPSON SAID HE TOLD THIS INDIVIDUAL HE WAS NOT INTERESTED. DURING THE COURSE OF SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION, THOMPSON SAID [redacted] TOLD HIM HE HAD OBSERVED JAMES EARL RAY, AKA ERIC GALT, AND ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL SITTING TOGETHER, ENGAGED IN CONVERSATION AT A LOCAL BAR, THE NAME OF WHICH WAS NOT MENTIONED. THOMPSON

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SAID THAT [redacted] TOLD HIM RAY CALLED THIS INDIVIDUAL [redacted]
THOMPSON SAID THE NAME [redacted] PROMPTED HIS RECOLLECTION OF
EVENTS AS SET OUT IN LA TEL OF FIVE TWENTY EIGHT SIXTY EIGHT,
THAT IS, RAY BEING CALLED TWICE, POSSIBLE THREE TIMES, BY [redacted]
[redacted] FROM NEW ORLEANS AND ATLANTA.

THOMPSON SAID THAT HE HAS SEEN [redacted] ON AN INFREQUENT
BASIS VICINITY OF THE HOLLYWOOD AND WESTERN AREA, LOS ANGELES,
DURING THE PAST SIX MONTHS. HE ADVISED HE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF
ASSOCIATES OF [redacted], HIS RESIDENCE, PAST OR PRIOR, HIS AUTOMOBILE,
OR HIS EMPLOYMENT, IF ANY. THOMPSON SAID AT SOME TIME AFTER THE
FIRST OF THE YEAR, HE BELIEVES HE EXPELLED [redacted] AND ANOTHER
CAUCASIAN MALE FROM THE PARKING LOT OF THE ST. FRANCIS WHERE
THEY WERE SLEEPING IN AN AUTOMOBILE. THOMPSON SAID IT WAS ON
THIS OCCASION THAT HE LEARNED OF THIS INDIVIDUALS NAME IN
THAT THE PERSON WITH WHOM HE WAS SLEEPING CALLED HIM [redacted]
THOMPSON ADVISED HE BELIEVED THIS INDIVIDUAL WAS THE SUBJECT OF
A WARRANT FOR HIS ARREST BECAUSE WHEN THOMPSON TOLD HIM TO CONTACT
THE FBI, [redacted] TOLD HIM THAT HE COULDN'T. HE DESCRIBED [redacted]
AS CAUCASIAN MALE, THIRTY SEVEN - FORTY TWO, FIVE FEET EIGHT
INCHES, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE POUNDS, BROWN HAIR WORN SHORT
AS IN CREW CUT, HABITUALLY WEARS SPORT SHIRT WITH CHEAP SLACKS.

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THOMPSON SAID WHENEVER AND WHEREVER HE OBSERVES [redacted]. HE WILL IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY THE FBI.

THOMPSON REITERATED THE INFORMATION AS SET OUT IN LA TELETYPE. HE ADDED ONLY THAT HE BELIEVES THE VOICE OF THE PERSON CALLING ON THE TELEPHONE WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS [redacted] AND THE VOICE OF THE PERSON WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS [redacted] AT THE ST. FRANCIS HOTEL AFTER THE TELEPHONE CALLS, TO BE IDENTICAL. HE SAID THAT ON ONE OCCASION HE HEARD THE OPERATOR AND A PERSON WHOM SHE CALLED [redacted] CONVERSE AS TO WHETHER OR NOT HE WOULD LEAVE A MESSAGE FOR GALT.

THOMPSON VIEWED THE FBI FACIAL IDENTIFICATION CATALOG IN [redacted] EFFORT TO OBATIN AN ARTIST'S CONCEPTION OF [redacted]

THOMPSON DESCRIBED HIMSELF AS CAUCASIAN MALE, BORN [redacted] AT [redacted] FIVE FOOT ELEVEN INCHES, ONE SIXTY POUNDS, BROWN GREYING HAIR, PARTIALLY BALD, HAZEL EYES, USMC NINETEEN FORTY TWO - NINETEEN FORTY SIX.

THOMPSON CLAIMS HE HAS FURNISHED ALL INFORMATION IN THIS MATTER CONCERNING BOTH [redacted] AND [redacted] HE STATES THAT HE BELIEVES THAT HE COULD IDENTIFY A PHOTOGRAPH OF [redacted] EFFORTS TO LOCATE [redacted] ARE CONTINUING. — press this

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RESULTS OF IDENTIFICATION CATALOG REGARDING [redacted] ARE AS FOLLOWS.

A. K A FOUR - TWELVE

B. K B ONE - ONE

C. K C ONE - FIVE

D. K D ONE - TWO

E. K E THREE - FOURTEEN

F. K F ONE - ONE

G. K G ONE - SEVEN

H. K H TWO - ONE

J. K J FIVE - THREE

K. K K FOUR - SEVEN

L. ZERO

M. ZERO

N. O N ONE - TEN

GENERAL DESRIPTION IS SEX- MALE, AGE THIRTY FIVE- FORTY RACE CAUCASIAN, COMPLEXION- COARSE SKIN, DARK, HEIGHT FIVE FT. SEVEN INCHES - FIVE FT. EIGHT INCHES, WEIGHT ONE FORTY - ONE FIFTY, SLENDER BUILD, COLOR OF EYES DARK, COLOR OF HAIR DARK.

FURNISH RESULT TO LOS ANGELS AND INTERESTED OFFICES.

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RE MAIL FORWARDING SERVICE (FEBRUARY ONE TO MARCH ONE LAST.)

LETTER ADDRESSED TO ERIC S. GALT RECEIVED MAY TWENTY EIGHT LAST, BY [redacted] AT [redacted] ALHAMBRA, CALIFORNIA, OPERATOR OF CONFIDENTIAL MAIL FORWARDING SERVICE CONTRACTED FOR DURING FEBRUARY, SIXTY EIGHT, BY JAMES EARL RAY. LETTER READ QUOTE SHOW ME FIRST YOU MEAN BUSINESS UNQUOTE. LETTER SIGNED [redacted] INITIAL [redacted] INITIAL [redacted] RETURN ADDRESS POST OFFICE BOX [redacted], BEVERLY HILLS, CALIFORNIA. (APPARENTLY IN RESPONSE TO GALT AD IN FREE PRESS.)

[redacted] INTERVIEWED MAY TWENTY NINE INSTANT, AND ADVISED HE RENTED POST OFFICE BOX ON OR ABOUT APRIL ONE LAST FOR FRIEND, [redacted] PLANNING TO OPERATE BUSINESS UTILIZING COMPUTER ANALYSIS TO LOCATE COMPATIBLE MARRIAGE PARTNERS. [redacted] CLAIMS BUSINESS NEVER ACTIVATED AND NO MAIL RECEIVED AT POST OFFICE BOX, OR SENT WITH THAT RETURN ADDRESS. [redacted] ADVISED HE DOES NOT KNOW RAY AND DOES NOT BELIEVE ANYONE CONNECTED WITH THE COMPUTER BUSINESS HAS ANY KNOWLEDGE CONCERNING HIM. COMPUTER BUSINESS ORGANIZED BY [redacted] AND THREE OF HIS FELLOW EMPLOYEES, ALL EMPLOYED AT [redacted] CANOGA PARK, CALIFORNIA. [redacted] AND ASSOCIATES IN COMPUTER BUSINESS BEING INTERVIEWED.

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